

RESOLUTIONS OF AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AT MANILA.

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, January 30, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter from John Te Brake, secretary American Chamber of Commerce of Manila, setting forth the resolutions adopted by that body regarding the construction of an American trans-Pacific cable.

Very respectfully,

ELIHU ROOT,
Secretary of War.

Hon. D. B. HENDERSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MANILA,
Manila, P. I., December 10, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you of the passage of the following resolutions at a recent meeting of the American Chamber of Commerce:

Whereas the absolute necessity of the early construction of an American trans-Pacific cable, connecting the Philippine Islands with the United States, by way of Hawaii and Guam and touching only American territory, is so clearly apparent to the people of the United States and of these islands as a commercial, administrative, and military necessity of first importance as to be beyond further argument: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the American Chamber of Commerce of the city of Manila, representing the commercial interests of this city and of these islands, does hereby most earnestly urge upon Congress the authorization during the coming session of the construction of this cable at the earliest practicable moment.

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Second. That this cable should be manufactured in the United States.

Third. That this cable should be laid by ships flying the American flag.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded through the civil governor of these islands and the proper channels to the committees of Congress having this important legislation in charge.

Very respectfully,

AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MANILA,

JOHN TE BRAKE, *Secretary.*

The SECRETARY OF WAR,

Washington, D. C.

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